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FROM US MBFR REP

E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PARM

SUBJECT: MBFR: EASTERN VIEWS OF TIMING OF FINAL VIENNA PLENARY

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- 1. IN QUADRILATERAL MEETING WITH FRG ACTING REP, US REP, SOVIET REP, AND GDR REP BRIE EVENING OF JUNE 25, SOVIET REP KHLESTOV URGED THAT FINAL PLENARY NOW PLANNED FOR JUNE 28 BE ADVANCED TO JUNE 27. PRESSED FOR REASONS WHY THIS WOULD BE A GOOD MOVE, KHLESTOV CLAIMED THAT SINCE ALL WORK DONE, THERE WAS NO REASON WHY PLENARY SHOULD NOT BE ADVANCED. HE ALSO CITED CONVENIENCE OF EASTERN REPS IN GETTING AWAY EARLIER. ALLIED REPS SAID THEY WOULD PUT EASTERN CASE FOR JUNE 27 PLENARY TO AD HOC GROUP MEETING EARLY MORNING OF JUNE 26 AND GIVE SOVIETS RESPONSE SAME MORNING.
- 2. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND ONE CONSIDERATION IN MIND OF SOVIET REP IS THAT JUNE 28 IS LAST AEROFLOT FLIGHT TO MOSCOW UNTIL JULY 1. FRG REP INFORMED US REP THAT, PROVIDED THAT GREEN CONFIDENTIAL

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LIGHT FROM NATO ARRIVES IN VIENNA BY MORNING OF JUNE 26, HE IS NEUTRAL ON SUBJECT SINCE TRANSLATION SESSION WITH EAST ON AFTTERNOON OF JUNE 25 WENT UNEXPECTEDLY SMOOTHLY AND THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING DIFFICULTIES IN TEXT. HOWEVER, ONE ISSUE IS IN FACT STILL OPEN, THE QUESTION OF TENACIOUSLY PRESSED ROMANIAN DESIRES FOR MODIFICATION OF COMMUNIQUE TEXT (BUCHAREST 2320). HUMES

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